

at least one bearing on said shaft, said bearing adjacent one of said ends of said shaft, said bearing having a central bore sized to [balance] support said shaft during rotation, said central bore having an enlarged portion opening towards said one end of said shaft; and a retainer on said shaft for retaining said bearing on said shaft, said retainer positioned within said enlarged bore portion of said bearing.

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8. (Amended) An electric motor comprising:

a stator assembly;

an armature shaft rotatable within said stator assembly;

a commutator rotatable with said armature and connected to said armature via a shaft;

brushes associated with said commutator, said brushes held in an end plate;

at least one bearing on said shaft, said bearing adjacent one of said ends of said shaft, said bearing having a central bore sized to [balance] support said shaft during rotation, said central bore having an enlarged portion opening toward said one end of said shaft; and

a retainer on said shaft for retaining said bearing on said shaft, said retainer positioned within said enlarged bore portion of said bearing; and

a bearing at the other end of said shaft.

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15. (Amended) A power tool comprising:

a housing;

a stator assembly;

an armature rotatable within said stator assembly;

a commutator rotatable with said armature and connected to said armature via a shaft;

brushes associated with said commutator, said brushes held in an end plate;